Chinook Decision Maker User Manual

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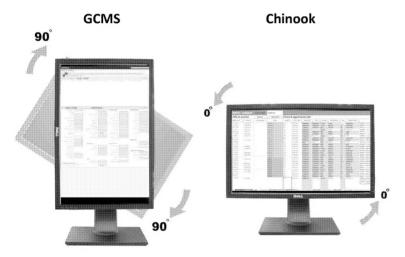
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Using the Decision Maker Module

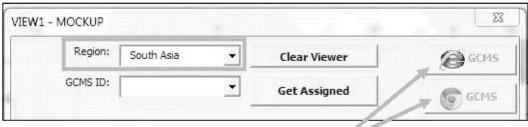
Setting up Your Workstation

For best results we suggest you organize workstation so that you have one monitor in a landscape orientation (to be used with Chinook) and your other in Portrait (to be used for GCMS).



Setting up Chinook

1. When you first open Chinook, you will see the following pop up box. Select your region from the display (this calibrates which risk data to use) and close the box.

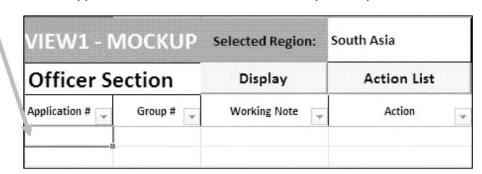


Note you also have two direct links to the non-signet GCMS.

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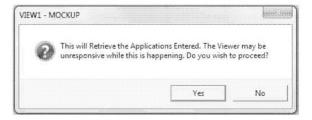
2. Welcome to the Decision Maker! First thing is to add the files that you will be working on. Select any empty cell in the "Application #" column and either scan or paste in your file number.



You can also add in multiple applications at one time (up to 1000!) that are already in a column.

3. Click "Yes" to proceed!

(Can we remove this prompt?)



Reviewing the Information

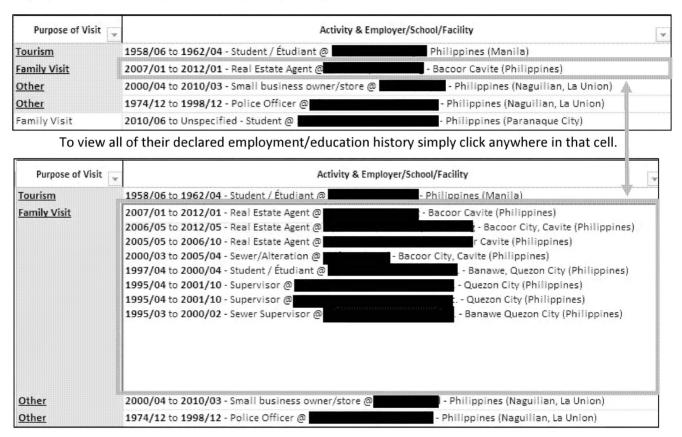
Chinook will display a series of info related to your files to help you in your decision making.

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Officer S	ection	Display	Action List					
Application #	Group #	Working Note	Action	**	Rec'd D	Gender "	Ag€ _w	Purpose of Visit
					6/15/2015	<u>Male</u>	48	Tourism
					6/29/2015	<u>Male</u>	44	Other
					7/2/2015	<u>Male</u>	<u>33</u>	Tourism
					5/3/2016	<u>Male</u>	74	Family Visit
					5/3/2016	<u>Female</u>	69	Family Visit
					6/21/2016	<u>Male</u>	70	Family Visit
					8/24/2016	<u>Female</u>	<u>59</u>	Super Visa
					7/20/2016	<u>Male</u>	66	<u>Tourism</u>
				10/11/2016	<u>Female</u>	<u>46</u>	Family Visit	
					10/11/2016	<u>Male</u>	14	Family Visit
					10/11/2016	<u>Male</u>	12	Family Visit
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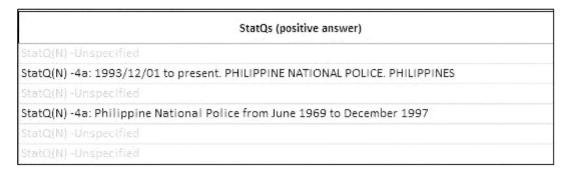
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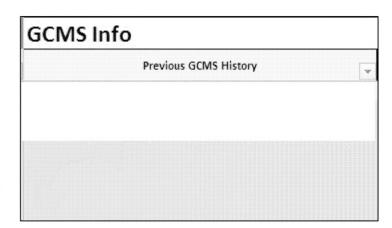
All the info under the **Client & Application Info** section is presented just as the client has declared in their application form. Note that for the **Activity & Employer/School/facility** column, the default will display their most recently stated occupation/activity.



The StatQs (positive answer) column will display if any Statutory questions have been answered with a "yes" as well as any details provided. If all questions have been answered "no" then the column will contain "StatQ(N) – Unspecified" in grey.



The **Previous GCMS History** column



NOTE: this feature is not meant to replace the integrated search as it is only an exact UCI match, not including households.

HOT TIP: As Chinook is an Excel based tool, you can use hot-keys in Excel to speed up your navigation. For example, hit the "Home/Debut" on your keyboard to jump from anywhere on the viewer back to Column F. So, if you are looking at the Risk Data to the far right of the sheet and want to jump back quickly, hit Home.

Risk Section Data explanation

Chinook checks the 6 filter profile of your applicant and will provide data if the profile had at least 50 applications finalized within the last 12 months. If less than 50 applications were received, Chinook will then drop to 3 filters and run the same check. If less than 50 applications were finalized for the 3 filter profile, the data is considered insufficient and will not provide any data to the officer.



To ensure datasets have a valid sample size, some filters had to be placed into ranges or buckets which are explained below:

Risk Section Display

Risk data currently includes the following (all are limited to the last 12 months and data is currently updated one time per month):

• **Filters Used**: This indicates where 6 or 3 filters were used to populate the percentages in the Local and Global rates. Note that if 6 filters is used for local, it is automatically also used for global. If 3 filters are used for local, it is automatically used for global.

Customizing How Your Files Are Displayed

There are a number of ways you can use the Decision Maker tool to help you organize your files as well as customize which data you decide to look at.

Sorting & Filtering

You can sort & filter any column to arrange the order that your files are displayed in. To do this, simply click on any of these boxes and choose your action.

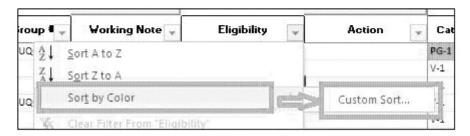
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7/2/2015	<u>Pakistan</u>	Japan	<u>Male</u>	Single	<u>33</u>	Tourism
6/21/2016	<u>Philippines</u>	<u>Philippines</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Widowed</u>	70	Family Visit
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10/11/2016	<u>Japan</u>	Japan	<u>Female</u>	Legally Separated	<u>46</u>	Family Visit

When the option box opens, you will be presented with a number of options for sorting and filtering. You can decide to display only applications from a specific nationality (filtering under citizenship) or organize your files to display all those with previous CAN approvals at the top (sorting by color under the previous GCMS history column).

*Be careful when sorting and filtering that you don't accidently split groups (by applying filters that do not apply to all members of that group).

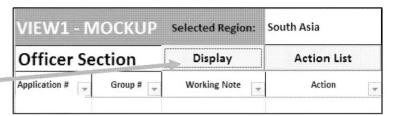


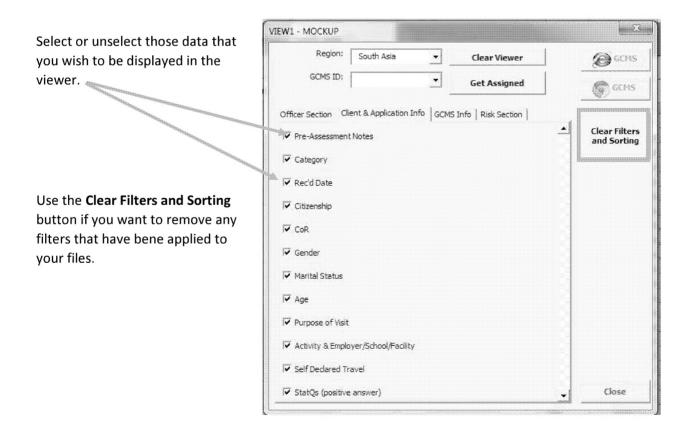
You can do multilayered sorts to combined different elements. Click the down arrow and select "Sort by Color" (even if you have no colors) and then click "custom sort". You can now run a multilayered sort first sorting by one column, and then another within that initial sort



Columns Display

You can control what data points are displayed in the Decision Maker module by clicking on the display button.





Organizing How You Action Your Files

As you go through your list of files and are deciding whether you will approve, refuse, withdraw or otherwise action the files you will have the **Action** column to assist you. The Action column gives you a place to indicate what action is to be taken for each file. Using the action column allows you to focus on your file review and action your files in groups once you have looked at them all, leveraging efficiency through economies of scale.

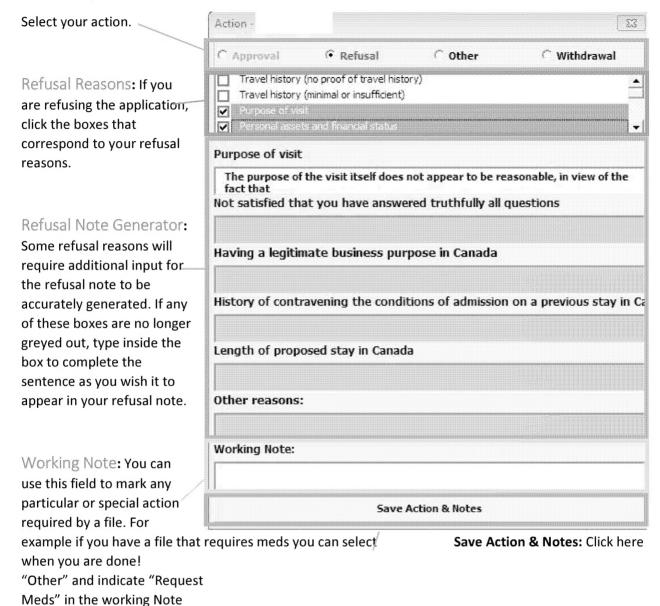
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Officer Section		Display	Action List	
Application #	Group#	Working Note	Action	
		Request Meds	Other	
			Approval	
			Approval	
			Approval	
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			Approval	
			Approval	
			Approval	
		Request PG-1	Other	

Using the Action Column

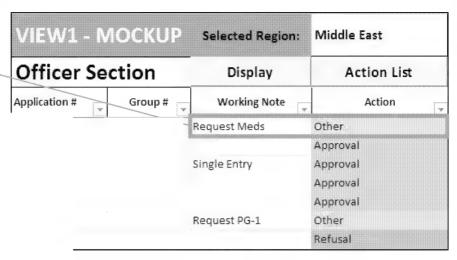
Review your file and the information provided in Chinook. When you've determined what action is needed, click on the box corresponding to your file in the action column.

Selected Region:	Middle East	
Display	Action List	
Working Note	Action	
	Display Working Note	

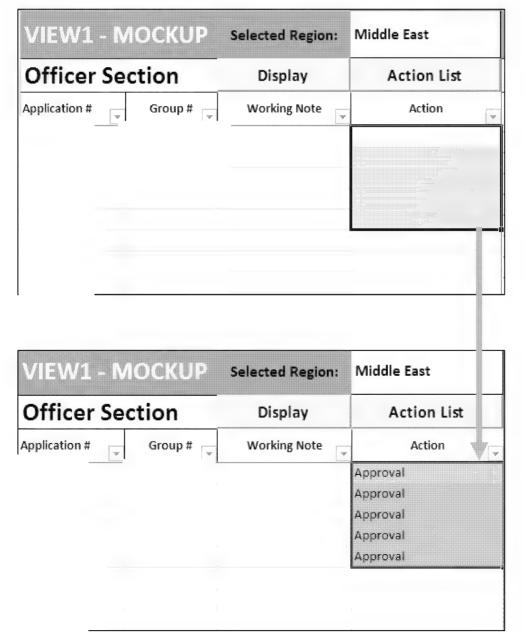
You will be presented with the following options box:



box. When you return to the Viewer the working note will be displayed alongside the Action.

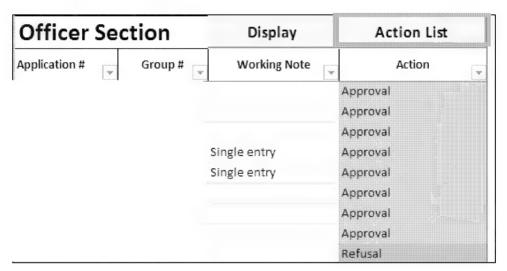


Applying action to multiple files: If you wish to apply the same action to a number of files in a row, click in the first box, hold down and drag across all the file for which you want the action to apply. Select desired action and click "Save Action & Notes".

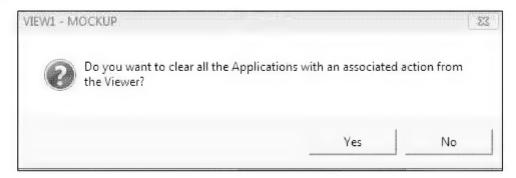


Grouping your files for action

When you have completed the review of your files and are ready to action them you can click the **Action List** button. This will compile a series of file lists and query strings for you in order that your files may be actioned efficiently and in groups wherever possible. These lists will be determined based on each unique action that you have selected for each file. Any working notes that you have indicated will also be carried over to the lists to assist you.



After clicking the **Action list button**, you will be asked if you would like to have the files removed from the Decision Maker module. The lists for action will be created either way but you must decide if you want the file numbers to remain in the Decision Maker Module as well.



A separate workbook will be created with each list of unique actions. Click on

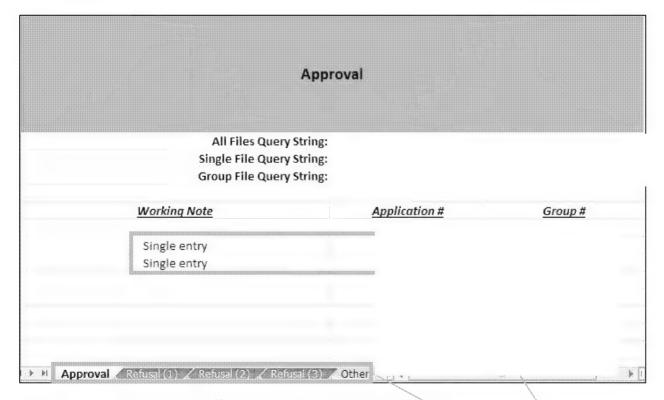


Action lists

Your action lists will be in a separate excel document, applications will be grouped together according to the action that you have specified earlier in the Decision Maker module. For each action you will be provided with three file strings for querying in GCMS.

All Files Query String: includes all files designated for that action
Single File Query String: includes all files that are not presently in groups.
Group File Query String: String of all groups containing the files for action.

The Approval List



You can navigate between the different action lists using these tabs here.

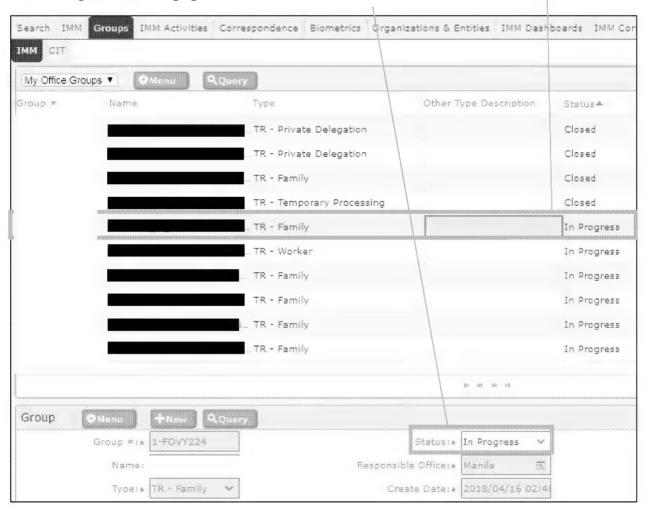
You will also see all the applications displayed in a column with any corresponding working notes that you have indicated in the Decision Maker module beside them.

HOT TIP: When approving files, close all the corresponding groups using the Group File Query String and then make one super group of all your approvals.

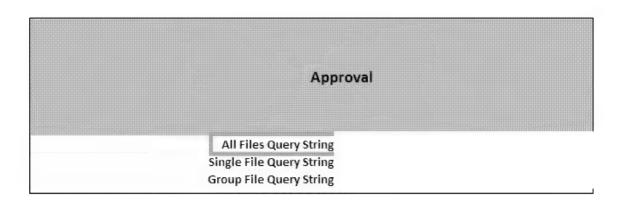
- 1) Copy the Group File Query String
- 2) In GCMS, navigate to Groups-IMM, click the IMM tab twice so that the screen looks like this
- 3) Paste your Group File query string and click "go".



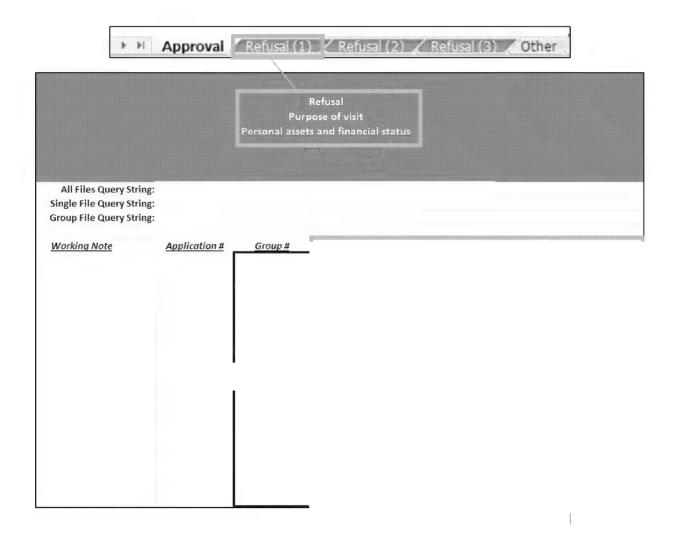
4) You can now quickly close any groups that your files are in by selecting any with status "in Progress" and changing it to "closed in the bottom tab.



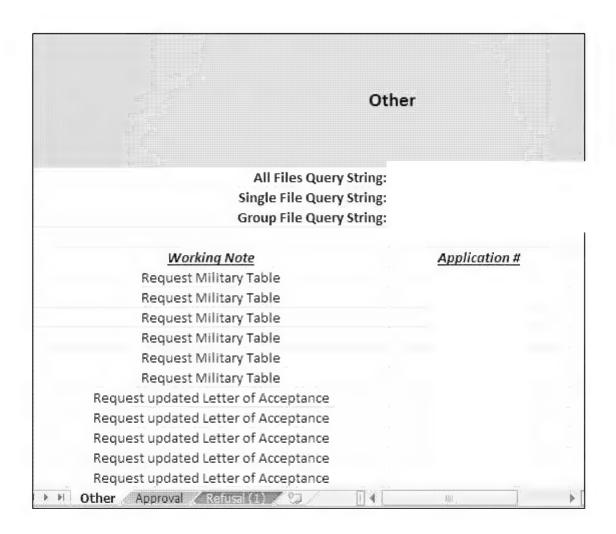
5) Once all groups are closed, you can use the **All Files Query String** to create a super group for all your approval files.



The Refusal List(s)

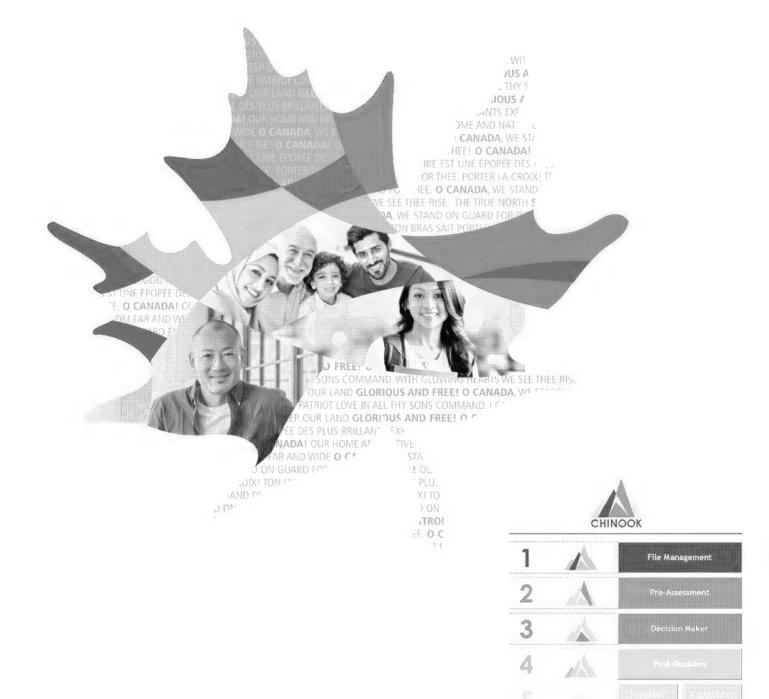


The Other Actions List





Processing Paper Files in Chinook



ToolBox

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MODULE 3: Decision Maker Module

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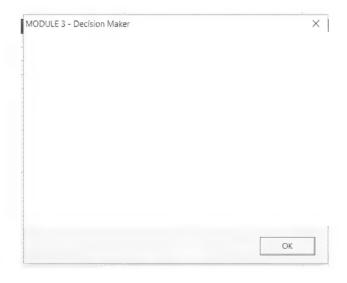
Set up and get started

Setting up your workstation

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Set-up for Chinook Module 3

- 2. Open Chinook Module 3 Viewer.xlsb
- 3. Read the Disclosure dialogue box and click OK



4. Enter your GCMS ID: When prompted, enter your GCMS ID



Data Path

5.



6.

Using the Settings button

7. Click on the Settings icon, on the left hand tools menu.



8. Basic Setup Tab :: User Info

9.

10.

Using the Settings button (continued)

- 11. **Column Setup Tab:** Use the checkboxes to customize the Module 3 columns displayed. Unchecking a box will hide that column from view.
 - Ex. If your office does not conduct pre-assessment, hide this field to save space on your screen.

Progress Bar and Hot Keys

12. **Progress Bar:** On the left hand side of the Module 3 worksheet, there is a progress bar for users to easily see the number of applications entered into the tool, and how many have been actioned. The progress bar will update as you complete the Action column for any application.



13. Navigation: As Chinook is an Excel based tool, you can use hot-keys in Excel to facilitate navigation. The Chinook Decision Maker Module has various hotkeys built in to limit the user's need to use the mouse. Hotkeys options are indicated by <u>underlining</u> a letter on the button/action.



See below for some examples:

Hot Key	Function
Home/Debut	Will return your viewer back to Column
	F.
ALT+D	Open Display Popup
ALT+L	Launch Action List
ALT +S	Launch Input Apps Window

Inputting & Reviewing Applications in Module 3

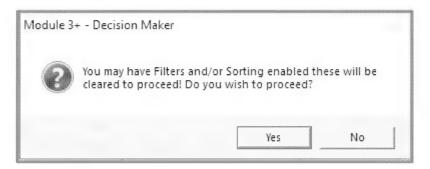
Inputting Apps

1. Input Applications

• To input applications, click the *Input Apps* button on the left hand Tool Menu.



• A warning message will pop-up advising that any filters/sorting currently used on the Module 3 sheet will be cleared. Click Yes to proceed.



Enter Application numbers and/or Group numbers in the Input Apps window when prompted.
 Click Input Applications when complete.

NOTE: If you enter both Group and Applications numbers, the group numbers will be pasted in first to the tool, then the application numbers.



Inputting Apps (continued)

 Once applications entered, the tool will advise that is about to retrieve the data and may appear unresponsive. Click Yes and wait for the data to be populated for the applications entered.



• You can monitor the status of the data upload in the bottom left-hand corner of the Excel screen.



Reviewing Applications

2. Each row in Module 3 will display the relevant information for the application. Use the scrollbar in the bottom right corner of the workbook to see more info.



Reviewing Applications (continued)

- Client & Application Information: All the info under the Client & Application Info section is presented just as the client has declared in their application forms.
- Activity & Employer/School/Facility: The default will display the client's stated activities in reverse chronological order. To view all declared employment/education history simply click anywhere in the cell to expand to full view.



StatQs (positive answer)

TR 2014/06: Have you ever been

refused a visa or permit, denied entry or ordered to leave Canada or any other country?

Add Details: 2b: 2b)

Previous GCMS History:

Reviewing Applications (continued



Sorting & Filtering

3. There are a number of ways use simple Excel functions to help organize the applications and the data in Module 3 using the Sort/Filter drop-down button on each column.

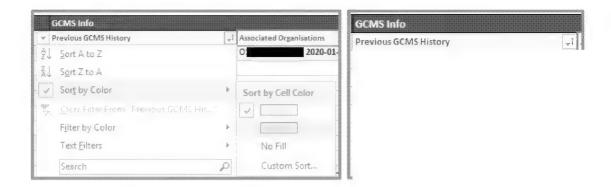


4. Sorting:

• Sort A to Z or Sort Z to A: These will sort the list of data in alphabetical order or reverse alphabetical order.

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Sorting & Filtering (continued)

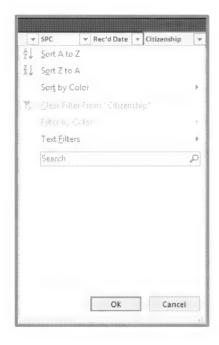


• Multilayered Sort: To combine different elements, click the down arrow and select "Sort by Color" (even if there are no colors) and then click "Custom Sort". This will provide options to run a multilayered sort first sorting by one column, and then another within that initial sort.

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5. Filtering:

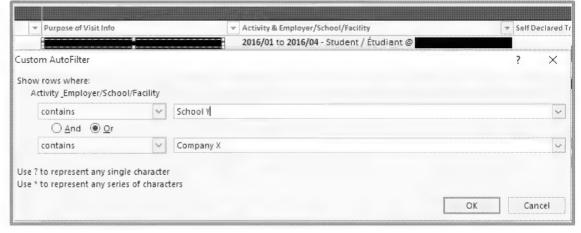
• *Filter checkboxes:* Use the checkboxes to filter your list. For example for the Citizenship column, you can restrict view to only applications of the same country.



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Finalizing Applications in Chinook

Using the Action Column

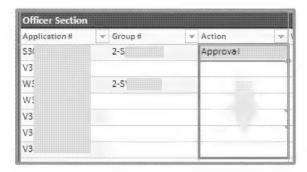
 The Action column is where to indicate the intended action/decision to be taken for each application. Review the application and the information provided in Chinook. When you've determined what action is needed, click on *Action* column cell corresponding to the application.

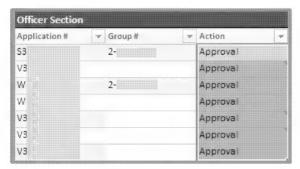
2. **Hover over feature:** Hover over any cell in the Action column to quickly view the notes entered for an application.

- 3. **Working Note:** This field can be used as an electronic "post-it note" to mark any particular or special action required on an application. The working note DOES NOT get included as part of the note to be copied into the Notes tab. It is only for reference. For example, as you review the application and had concerns of the client's employment, you could enter a working note stating "review employment documents" as a reminder.
- 4. **To enter an action for a single application**: Highlight the Action cell corresponding to an application to launch the Action Window.
- 5. **To enter an action for a multiple applications:** In the Action column, highlight multiple cells for the corresponding applications to launch the Action Window then enter in the desired action and click Save Action & Notes.

Using the Action Column (continued)

Alternatively, enter the action on a single application, then click hold down the Action cell and drag across all the application for which you want the action to apply.





- **6. Approvals**: You will be presented with the following Action Window.
 - Click the Approval checkbox.
 - Ensure the correct line of business is selected from the drop-down menu.
 - Once your desired actions have been entered click Save Action & Notes

- 7. **Refusals:** You will be presented with the following Action Window.
 - Click the Refusal checkbox.
 - Ensure the correct line of business is selected from the drop-down menu.
 - Edit Deactivated: This button will activate the edit function for each refusal ground. Select it before you enter your refusal grounds, and it will allow you to edit each ground separately.
 - Refusal Reasons: Check the boxes that correspond to your refusal grounds.
 - Refusal Note Generator: For each refusal ground selected, a corresponding line will be added to the refusal note. For certain refusal grounds, multiple options will be available, and you will be prompted to amend the text to reflect your application.
 - Once your desired actions have been entered click Save Action & Notes

Using the Action Column (continued)

- 8. Other: You will be presented with the following Action Window.
 - Click the Other checkbox.
 - Ensure the correct line of business is selected from the drop-down menu.
 - Once your desired actions have been entered click Save Action & Notes

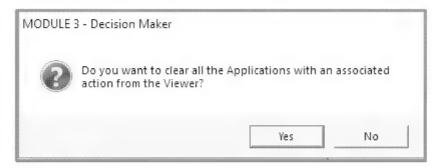
Using the Action Column (continued)

- 9. Withdrawal: You will be presented with the following Action Window.
 - Click the Other checkbox.
 - Ensure the correct line of business is selected from the drop-down menu.
 - Once your desired actions have been entered click Save Action & Notes

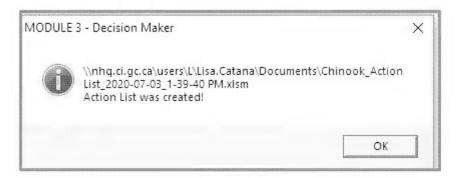
Creating Action Lists

Using the Action List Button

- 1. After completing review of applications and entering intended actions click the *Action List* button. This will compile a series of application lists and query strings to facilitate batch processing in GCMS. Any working notes that you have indicated will also be carried over to the lists. A separate list will be created for each Action as follows:
 - Approvals
 - Withdrawals
 - Other (one list for each group of applications with the same action)
 - Refusals (one list for each group of applications with the same refusal grounds)
 - No Action: list of files where no action was indicated
- 2. After clicking the **Action list button**, a pop-up will appear to confirm if you would like to have the applications removed from the Decision Maker module.
 - Click YES to keep all applications listed in your Module 3 session
 - Click NO to remove the completed applications from your Module 3 session.



3. Once you have clicked either YES or NO, the following pop-up will appear to inform you that the actions lists have been created. Click OK



4. A new worksheet will automatically open for the action lists. Each tab of the worksheet will represent a different action:



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Using Action Lists with GCMS

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Approval or Withdrawal Action Lists

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Refusal Action Lists

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Other Action Lists

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Other Action Lists (continued)

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Autosave Feature

Retrieving Autosaved Action List

Chinook Module 3 generates and saves automatically an Action List every 15 minutes in the user's temporary folder. This feature was developed to avoid losing all the work done in the event of an unexpected crash.

To retrieve the autosaved Action List, open your user temporary folder by typing %temp% in a "Windows Explorer" window and pressing "Enter":



Then look for the file "Chinook_ActionList_AutoSave.xlsm" and open it.



Once the file is opened, you will see the actions that you had already entered in the "Action" column at the time the last autosave was done. You can then use the file lists to enter your decisions in GCMS and to keep working in Module 3.

Note that this file is replaced every time it is saved, every 15 minutes. That means that if you want to keep a copy of the files as they were after a crash, you will need to save it in another location.

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Best Practices for Paper Applications

Processing Paper Application s in Chinook







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Chinook+ & GCMS Chinook Tab

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New tools at a glance

The TRV Journey Lab has recently created new features in Chinook and GCMS to help improve the decision-maker experience while processing TR applications.

Several features have been built to create a link between Chinook and GCMS, which will now allow decision-makers to:

1. Automate Final Decision Administrative tasks:

Using the new tools, decision-makers can now automate tasks that were previously done manually such as:

- Final Decision entry,
- Pasting notes from Chinook into Notes Tab
- Entry of refusal grounds
- Generation and sending of passport request/refusal letters
- · Generating counterfoils
- Setting counterfoil print queue
- Modifying SP/WP Permit Details

2.

3. Automate Biometrics Administrative tasks:

Decision-makers can now indicate their Biometrics decision in Chinook, and the entry will be automated in GCMS

To take advantage of the new features, you will need access to two new tools:

Tool

Chinook +



Description

- New version of Chinook that includes new functionality including:
 - New Biometrics Action column
 - New functions in Action column
 - Export to GCMS button
 - Support for TRV/SP/WP/SP-EXTs

GCMS - Chinook Tab



- New Chinook Tab in GCMS that allows users to input data directly from Chinook then automates associated administrative tasks for final decisions and biometrics
- Support for SP/WP/SP-EXTs as of JUNE 2020 with GCMS Release 23
- Restricted Access: During the testing/rollout phase, the Chinook Tab will only be visible to users participating in the testing. Once full rollout is complete, the Chinook Tab will be added as a default for all GCMS Users with Visa Officer responsibility

Set up and get started

Prepare Chinook +

- 1. Open ChinookPlus Module 3 Viewer.xlsb
- 2. Read the Disclosure dialogue box and click OK

Enter your GCMS ID: When prompted, enter your GCMS ID
 NOTE: you must enter a GCMS ID to use Chinook+ with the GCMS Chinook Tab).



4. **Set your data path:** If data path is not already set up, navigate to the *Chinook>Data* folder on your computer and click *OK*.



Prepare Chinook + (continued)

- 5. Ensure that the Data folder contains the following files:
 - Mod 3
 - Mod 5
 - Schema
 - REGION NAME Mod 3 Cols
 - REGION NAME Mod 3 Hist
 - (NEW) Chinook Mod 3-Biometrics Ready
 - (NEW) Chinook Mod 3-Biometrics Roll Up

- 6. Set up your Selected Region and GCMS ID:
 - 1. Click on the Settings button
 - 2. Under the User Info window:
 - Select the relevant Region

NOTE: The GCMS ID used in Chinook+ must match the GCMS ID of the user, when using the Chinook Tab in GCMS.

Prepare Chinook Tab

- 7. Open a new session of GCMS
- 8. Click on the new Chinook Tab
- 9. If not visible in your tabs, navigate to Site Map>Chinook and select Chinook



NOTE: The Chinook Tab is currently restricted only to officers involved in the testing. Once the new tools are fully tested and rolled out to all missions, the Chinook Tab will be available to all GCMS users with Visa Officer responsibility.

Chinook Tab layout



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Chinook+:: What's New

Using the new
Biometrics Action
column

1. **Hover over feature:** Hover over any cell in the Biometric Action column to quickly view the biometrics details for an application, hover over the cell.

- 2. **To view the Biometrics Window for a single application**: Highlight the Biometrics Action cell corresponding to an application to launch the Biometrics Window.
- 3. **To view the Biometrics Window for a multiple applications:** In the Biometrics Action column, highlight multiple cells for the corresponding applications to launch the Biometrics Window

See ANNEX A for description and details of the Biometrics Action Column Statuses.

4. **Biometrics Window:** Use the << & >> buttons to toggle through your selected applications. The Application # and Record count will change as you toggle through the applications.

Using the new Biometrics Action column (continued)

5. For applications where the *Biometric – FCC Detail* Activity for US, NZ or AUS is at status *Ready to be Assessed*, the appropriate check boxes will be activated.

- Reviewed: Click on the appropriate checkbox to set the biometrics activity status to
 Complete Assessed. Once you have checked any of the boxes in the Biometrics
 Window, the Biometrics Action column will subsequently display Reviewed for that
 application.
- 7. **Review Required:** If further review of the biometrics is required outside of Chinook, click the *Review Required* checkbox. The Biometrics Action column will subsequently display *Review Required* for that application.

Using the new Biometrics Action column (continued)

8. When you have completed the biometrics assessments for the application(s), click the *Save Biometric Action* button to ensure that your assessments are saved and included in the Export to GCMS.

Using the new features in the Action Window

9. Approvals: Counterfoil Details (For all LOBs)

If the Approval checkbox is selected in the Action Window, decision-makers will now be able to select the following details from the *Action Window*. *NOTE:* If any of these fields are not entered in Chinook, then existing GCMS defaults will be followed.

Counterfoil Print Queue:

- Select your Office from the Office dropdown menu
- Select your desired Counterfoil Print Queue from the second dropdown (which will show a list of Print Queues associated to the selected office).
- NOTE: If no Print Queue is selected, your GCMS default print queue will be used once you have entered information in the Chinook Tab.

Counterfoil Validity Date:

Click on the Date button to launch the calendar window and select a date.

Using the new features in the Action Window (continued)

10. Approvals: Permit Details (For SP, WP, SP-EXT and WP-EXT)

For SP, WP, SP-EXT and WP-EXT approvals, , additional fields will appear in the Action Window:

• Permit Validity Date:

Click on the Date button to launch the calendar window and select a date.

Remarks:

Enter relevant remarks in the Remarks window as required.

Using the new features in the Action Window (continued)

• Conditions:

To select Permit Conditions – click on the *Approvals 2* tab in the Action Window and select the conditions that apply for the application. The conditions list will correspond to the selected Application Type.

11. Refusals:

Generate Refusal Letter Checkbox:

If the refusal checkbox is selected in the Action Window, the Generate Refusal Letter Checkbox will be checked as a default.

If a refusal decision is exported to GCMS using the Export to GCMS button, a refusal letter will automatically be generated in GCMS based on the exported refusal grounds.

Unchecking the box will stop the refusal letter from being automatically generated. This will allow additional edits or amendments to the refusal letter (i.e. adding comments for an "Other" refusal ground etc.

Using the new features in the Action Window (continued) • Refusal Letter Intros:

For SP, WP, SP-EXT, WP-EXT, select the *Refusal Letter Intro* type from the drop-down box in the Action Window.

Using the new Export to GCMS button

- 12. The new Export to GCMS button can be used in lieu of the Action List button. Once clicked, the button will copy instructions for GCMS onto your clipboard that can then be pasted directly into the GCMS Chinook Tab to perform the final decision administrative actions that typically would have been done manually. These actions are the following (See Annex B & C for full details of actions completed in GCMS, including logic):
 - Final Decision entry
 - Biometrics FCC Detail Assessments
 - Pasting notes from Chinook into Notes Tab
 - Entry of refusal grounds
 - Generation and sending of passport request/refusal letters
 - · Generating counterfoils
 - Setting Counterfoil Print Queue
 - Setting Counterfoil Validity Date
 - Setting Permit Validity Date (SP/WP/SP-EXT/WP-EXT only)
 - Setting Conditions & Remarks (SP/WP/SP-EXT/WP-EXT only)

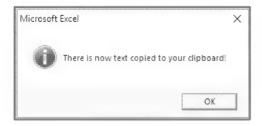
Using the new Export to GCMS button (continued)

NOTE: All actions that are automated in GCMS, will be tagged in GCMS against the user's GCMS ID.

13. To use new Export to GCMS: Once decisions have been entered in the Action column, click on the Export to GCMS button.

NOTE: Applications that have "Other" in the Action column OR Applications that have already been Sent to GCMS will not be exported for decision.

14. The following window will pop up to confirm that the Export has been copied to your clipboard.



15. Navigate directly to the GCMS Chinook Tab to paste the information into GCMS. (see Chinook Tab instructions below).

Sent t	o GCMS
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16. Once an application's information has been Exported to GCMS, a checkmark will appear in the "Sent To GCMS" column.

GCMS Chinook Tab :: It's All New



Basics

Quick basics about the Chinook Tab:

- Decisions entered in the Chinook Tab, will never overwrite existing decisions in Chinook (including Eligibility and Findecs)
- Any application processed in the Chinook tab will always be tagged to the Chinook Session ID – so it can be gueried at a future time.
- All Chinook Tab data will be available via Answers Queries Errors that typically
 prevent applications from being finalized (i.e. Cost Recovery fee outstanding,
 Biometrics not assessed, open Criminality/Security assessments or
 Verifications etc) will continue to be returned in the Chinook Tab.

There are three sections to the new Chinook Tab:

- 1. Chinook Upload Session
 - To Create new Chinook Upload Session (much like creating a group)
- 2. Paste Chinook Decision Data
 - Paste data here after clicking "Export to GCMS" button in Chinook
- 3. Uploaded Chinook Apps List
 - Review uploaded Chinook Application information

Creating a new Chinook Session

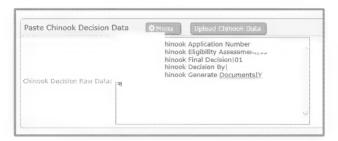
- Before pasting information from the Export to GCMS Chinook button, a new Chinook Session must be created.
- 2. In the Chinook Upload Session window, click New button



- 3. Session ID: A new Chinook Session ID # will appear in the ID column
- Name: The Session name can be edited in the name column. The name will default to the Session ID if not modified by the user

Pasting Chinook Data into Chinook Tab

5. In the *Paste Chinook Decision Data* section of the tab, paste (CTRL+V) your data from the *Export to GCMS* button in Chinook.



NOTE: A "\$" sign will appear at the end of the pasted Chinook information. This indicates the end of the information. Do not hit enter, or enter any other characters after this \$ - it will cause an error.

6. Click the *Upload Chinook Data* button to review your application information.

NOTE: This will not process the decisions, it will pull the Chinook decision information into the Uploaded Chinook Data list for review.

Review Uploaded Chinook Apps List

7. The application information entered in Chinook will appear in the Uploaded Chinook Data window:



8. The following information can be reviewed in the relevant columns:



Upload Chinook Apps List Columns:



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Using the Process Chinook Data button

9. Once applications have been reviewed – click the *Process Chinook Decisions* to complete the final decision activities for the applications.



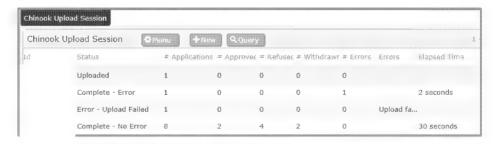
NOTE: Depending on the number of applications being processed, the delay may be several minutes. **The buffer wheel will only appear for 90seconds and then will disappear. This does not mean that the processing has crashed.** Status will change to Complete or Complete- Error once processing is done.

SUGGESTIONS:

- Do not process more than 25 applications at a time.
- Continue review of remaining applications in Chinook while you wait for the Chinook Tab to finish processing.

Upload Statuses & Summaries

The Chinook Upload Session status will indicate the processing status of the group of applications in that session.



The Chinook Upload Session window also provides a summary of the # Apps, # Approved, # Withdrawn, # Refused, # Errors as well as the elapsed time for each complete session.

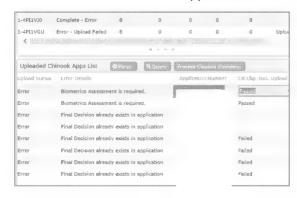
Application Error Statuses

As mentioned above, errors typically returned to a user to indicate that the application cannot be finalized, will still appear in the Chinook Tab under Application Error Status.

There are several new errors listed below that are specific to the Chinook Tab:

Fixing Application Errors

10. Should an error occur on an application, click on the Application Number hyperlink.



11. Fix the error, if possible and use the breadcrumb to return to the Chinook Session Tab.



Deleting Applications from a Session

- 12. Click the Process Chinook Decisions button, and all applications that are not at *Status= Complete* will be re-processed.
- 13. To delete an application from a Session, highlight the application(s) and click *Menu>Delete Record*.



Troubleshooting

The Chinook+ and Chinook Tab are new and there may be bugs that have not been identified...

There are a few known issues that are identified below to assist with troubleshooting:

Issue

Workaround

The buffer wheel disappears and it looks like the Chinook session has crashed.

OR Chrome gives me this Page Unresponsive message:



In GCMS, the buffer wheel automatically disappears after 60-90second. Unfortunately, this isn't something we could easily fix.

So **trust it and let it run** – the Session Status will change to Complete – No Error or Complete – Error once it's done.

Do not click the Process button again as this will actually make it crash.

When I paste my information from Chinook into the Chinook Raw Data window, I see a \$ and then some other symbols:

Ex:

V1|Chinook Application Number|V1

V1|Chinook Eligibility Assessment|33

V1|Chinook Final Decision|01

V1|Chinook Decision By|

V1|Chinook Generate Documents|Y

\$ >p

To avoid errors in the Chinook Tab, ensure that there are no extra characters or spaces after you paste in the Chinook Data window:



Delete all extra characters and spaces after the \$.

ANNEX A

Biometric Action Column

Biometric Action Column Display	Biometrics Details Column: Lead Tag Line	Logic
POT ERROR – SEE GCMS	Potential Info Sharing Error – see GCMS	
ERROR Q1 – SEE GCMS	Info Sharing Q1 Failure – see GCMS	
ERROR Q2 – SEE GCMS	Info Sharing Q2 Failure – see GCMS	
NOT ASSOCIATED OR ALL NOT ASSOCIATED	Biometrics Not Associated - see GCMS	
POT ADV - SEE GCMS	Potentially Adverse Info – see GCMS	

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NOTE: The detailed information for this record will not be provided in Chinook. Decision-Maker will be required to review information in GCMS and the Biometrics Assessment checkboxes for this application will be disabled in Chinook.

USA pending

Additional Info - see GCMS

NZL Pending

AUS pending

USA/NZL/AUS pending

USA/NZL pending

USA/AUS pending

NZL/AUS pending

COMPLETE (COUNTRY)

OR

ALL COMPLETE

ALL NRT

COMPLETE

(COUNTRY) NRT OR

ALL NRT

EXEMPT (COUNTRY)

OR

ALL EXEMPT

ALL EXEMPT

INCOMPLETE FINGERPRINT (COUNTRY) OR INCOMPLETE NOT STARTED OR

ALL INCOMPLETE

INCOMPLETE

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BIOMETRIC STATUSES THAT WILL APPEAR AFTER DECISION-MAKER REVIEW

REVIEWED	If the user has reviewed Biometrics and clicked on an assessment check box and "Save Biometrics Action" button
REVIEW REQUIRED	User has checked the "Review Required" box in the Biometrics Action Column

EX B

ecision Logic - TRV

		Final Decision		
	Activity/Field in GCMS	Approval	Refusal	Withdraw
& Findec	Eligibility Assessment	Eligibility: Passed	Eligibility: Failed	Eligibility: (blank – unles Passed or Failed)
	Final Assessment	Final Decision : Approved	Final Decision : Refused	Final Decision : Withdra
	Notes tab	Yes	Yes	Yes
rounds:	Finalize Application>Refusal Grounds	N/A	Yes	N/A
ndence:	Correspondence>Outgoing	Ppt Request Itr = Generate	Refusal Letter = Generate	No letter generated – ca
		Ppt Request Itr = Sent	Refusal Letter = Sent	Yes N/A No letter generated – ca letters that have to be pi T:Drive
		Ppt Request Itr = Generate	Refusal Letter = Generate	
oil	Finalize Application> Document Issuance	Generate and set Print Queue	N/A	N/A
MS won't l	et us automate that you'll still have to do :	If Received Via Other/VAC = set letter to Sent	If Received Via Other/VAC = set letter to Sent	Send withdrawal letter
		Set Validity Date if change is required		

ecision Logic - SP

Activity/Field in GCMS
Eligibility Assessment
Final Assessment
Notes tab
Finalize Application>Refusal Grounds
Correspondence>Outgoing
Finalize Application> Document Issuance
Finalize Application >Document Issuance>Type = Permit – SP

won't let us automate that you'll still have to do :

Final Decision

Approval	Refusal	Withdrav	
Eligibility: Passed	Eligibility: Failed	Eligibility: (blank – unles Passed or Failed)	
Final Decision : Approved	Final Decision : Refused	Final Decision : Withdra	
Yes	Yes	Yes	
N/A	Yes	N/A	
POE Intro Ltr = Generate Study Permit = Authorized	Refusal Letter = Generate	No letter generated – ca letters that have to be p T:Drive	
POE Intro Ltr = Generate Study Permit = Authorized Original Ppt Request = Sent	Refusal Letter = Sent	I:Drive	
POE Intro Ltr = Generate Study Permit = Authorized Original Ppt Request = Generate	Refusal Letter = Generate		
Generate and set Print Queue	N/A	N/A	
Set Validity Date			
Counterfoil = Generate			
eTA = Authorized			
Set Validity Date		,	
User Remarks based on Chinook entry			
Conditions based on Chinook entry			
If Received Via Other/VAC = set letter to Sent	If Received Via Other/VAC = set letter to Sent	Send withdrawal letter	

	Activity/Field in GCMS
ndec	Eligibility Assessment
	Final Assessment
	Notes tab
ıds:	Finalize Application>Refusal Grounds
	Refusal Letter Details>Paragraph Type
nce:	Correspondence>Outgoing
	Finalize Application> Document Issuance
	Finalize Application >Document Issuance>Type = Permit – SP

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Eligibility: Passed	Eligibility: Failed	Eligibility: (blank – unles Passed or Failed)
Final Decision : Approved	Final Decision : Refused	Final Decision : Withdra
Yes	Yes	Yes
N/A	Yes Refusal Letters Details> Paragraph Type based on Chinook entry	N/A
Study Permit = Generate	Refusal Letter = Sent	No letter generated – ca letters that have to be p T:Drive
Study Permit = Generate	Refusal Letter = Sent	T.DIIVe
Generate and set Print Queue Set Validity Date Counterfoil = Generate eTA = Authorized	N/A	N/A
Set Validity Date	N/A	N/A
User Remarks based on Chinook entry Conditions based on Chinook entry		
Set Study Permit to Authorized	N/A	Send withdrawal letter

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			Final Decision	
	Activity/Field in GCMS	Approval	Refusal	Withdraw
ndec	Eligibility Assessment	Eligibility: Passed	Eligibility: Failed	Eligibility: (blank – unles Passed or Failed)
	Final Assessment	Final Decision : Approved	Final Decision : Refused	Final Decision : Withdra
	Notes tab	Yes	Yes	Yes
ıds:	Finalize Application>Refusal Grounds	N/A	Yes	N/A
	Refusal Letter Details>Paragraph Type		Refusal Letters Details> Paragraph Type based on Chinook entry	
ice:	Correspondence>Outgoing	POE Introduction Ltr = Generate Work Permit = Authorized	Refusal Letter = Generate	
		POE Introduction Ltr = Generate Work Permit = Authorized Original Passport Request = Sent	Refusal Letter = Sent	No letter generated – ca automate letters that har picked from the T:Drive
		POE Introduction Ltr = Generate Work Permit = Authorized Original Passport Request = Generate	Refusal Letter = Generate	
	Finalize Application> Document Issuance	Generate and set Print Queue Set Validity Date	N/A	N/A
		Counterfoil = Generate eTA = Authorized		
	Finalize Application >Document Issuance>Type = Permit – WP	Set Validity Date User Remarks based on Chinook entry Conditions based on Chinook entry	N/A	N/A

won't let us automate that you'll still have to do :	If Received Via Other/VAC = set letter to Sent	If Received Via Other/VAC = set letter to Sent	Send withdrawal lette

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	Activity/Field in GCMS	

Eligibility Assessment

Finalize Application>Refusal Grounds

Refusal Letter Details>Paragraph Type

Correspondence>Outgoing

Finalize Application> Document

Finalize Application >Document Issuance>Type = Permit – WP-EXT

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Final Assessment

Notes tab

Issuance

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Final Decision				
Approval	Refusal	Withdraw		
Eligibility: Passed	Eligibility: Failed	Eligibility: (blank – unles Passed or Failed)		
Final Decision : Approved	Final Decision : Refused	Final Decision : Withdra		
Yes	Yes	Yes		
N/A	Yes	N/A		
	Refusal Letters Details> Paragraph Type based on Chinook entry			
Work Permit = Generate	Refusal Letter = Generate			
Work Permit = Generate	Refusal Letter = Sent	No letter generated – ca automate letters that ha picked from the T:Drive		
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Generate and set Print Queue	N/A	N/A		
Set Validity Date				
Counterfoil = Generate				
eTA = Authorized				
Set Validity Date	N/A	N/A		
User Remarks based on Chinook entry				
Conditions based on Chinook entry				
If Received Via Other/VAC = set letter to Sent	If Received Via Other/VAC = set letter to Sent	Send withdrawal letter		

CHINOOK /	GCMS	CHINOOK	TAB	USER	MANUAL

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ANNEX C

Eligibility Logic

Decision-Mal Chinook	ker Entry in	What happens in GCM	S	
lf Chinook Final Decision =	THEN Chinook Eligibility will be set to:	If Existing GCMS Eligibility =	THEN Chinook Tab will set GCMS Eligibility to:	THEN Error Message =
Approved Passed		Blank	Passed	n/a
		In Progress	Passed	n/a
	i	Not Started	Passed	n/a
		Recommend Interview	Passed	n/a
		Recommend Passed	Passed	n/a
		Review Required	Passed	n/a
	Passed	Will not overwrite existing Eligibility decision, but will continue with remaining Final Decision actions	n/a	
	Not Met	No actions will be completed. Will return Error to Officer.	"Eligibility is Not Met"	
		Failed	No actions will be completed. Will return Error to Officer	"Application's Final Assessment cannot be updated due to Eligibility Assessment value"
Refused Failed	Failed	Blank	Failed	n/a
		In Progress	Failed	n/a
		Not Started	Failed	n/a
		Recommend Interview	Failed	n/a
		Recommend Passed	Failed	n/a
		Review Required	Failed	n/a
	Passed	No actions will be completed. Will return Error to Officer	"Application's Final Assessment cannot be updated due to Eligibility Assessment value"	
		Not Met	Failed	
		Failed	Will not overwrite existing Eligibility decision, but will continue with remaining Final Decision actions	
Withdrawal Blank	Blank	Blank		
		In Progress	Blank	
	Not Started	Blank		
	Recommend Interview	Blank		
	Recommend Passed	Blank		
		Review Required	Blank	
	Passed	Will not overwrite existing Eligibility decision, but will continue with remaining Final Decision actions		
		Not Met	No actions will be completed. Will return Error to Officer.	"Eligibility is Not Met"
		Failed	No actions will be completed. Will return Error to Officer.	"Eligibility is Failed"